(c) the total expenditure incurred so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGHUPATHY): (A) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A total expenditure of Rs. 1,57,07,000 has been incurred since the setting up of the Commission upto July, 2004

Mode of Execution of Death Sentence

1517. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has recommended that lethal injection should be provided as an alternative mode of execution of death sentence; and

(b) if so, the action taken to accept the recommendations immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGHUPATHY) (a) The Law Commission in its 187th Report regarding 'Mode of Execution of Death Sentence and Incidental Matters' has, *inter alia*, recommended that section 354 (5) of Cr. P.C., 1973 be amended to provide an alternative mode of execution of death sentence by administering lethal injection until the accused is dead.

(b) Acceptance/Implementation of the recommendation would require amendment to section 354 (5) Cr. P.C. through an amendment Bill. No time frame can be fixed for introduction and passage of such an amendment Bill in both the Houses of Parliament.

Integrated Mobile Surveillance System

1518. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Zone Police of Hyderabad under DCP Anand, finalised launching of the world's first Integrated Mobile Surveillance System, to monitor on Video, agitations, criminal activities, VIP Convoys etc.

(b) whether it is a fact that this Surveillance Project could be developed at a low cost of Rs. 14.5 lakhs, compared to very high cost of Satellite based system;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take interest in this low-cost effective system of surveillance and release sufficient funds for adopting the Project, in all the important and sensitive places in India; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Police headquarters of Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that Central Zone of Hyderabad City Police has initiated and launched an Integrated Mobile Video Surveillance project on 7th April, 2004, at a cost of Rs. 23 10 lakh, including the cost of the mobile vehicle, which can capture and record live pictures of agitations or any other programme and transmit video images on internet using CDMA cellular network.

(c) and (d) As indicated at Part (a) and (b), the system has been launched in Hyderabad only recently. Its functioning needs to be observed for a period of time before it can be recommended to other States.

Expansion of Indian Reserve Battalions (IRBs)

1519. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the States where Indian Reserve Battalions (IRBs) have been set up;

(b) the State-wise number of battalions now available;

(c) the financial burden of the Centre and the State in setting up and maintaining the IRBs, and

(d) the future programme for expansion of the Force?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) (a) and (b) Till date 75 Indian Reserve Battalions have been approved for raising in various States/UTs. A statement indicating details of IR Battalions is given in statement. (*See* below)

(c) The initial expenditure on raising of an IR Battalion is reimbursed to the State on standard cost as 50% grant-in-aid and 50% interest free loan. However, in case of J&K and North East States except Sikkim and Mizoram, cost of raising of IR Bns is reimbursed from Security related expenditure as a grant-in-aid. The present standard cost fixed per battalion is Rs. 13